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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE MOSCOW 12553 ON IV GRANT TO EDUCATION MINISTER, WE ARE SORRY THAT OUR REFERENCE TO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN STATE 194092 WAS UNCLEAR. WE WERE THINKING OF THE BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, NOT THE UPCOMING TALKS ON THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

2. YOUR CABLE REPORTING SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR PROTEST ON MARITIME AGREEMENT ARRIVED JUST AS OUR CABLE REPORTING PRESS PLAY WAS GOING OUT. WILL DEAL WITH IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT KEY MARAD PEOPLE ARE ON LEAVE.

3. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING CABLE ON KIEV RE ARCHITECT'S VISIT WHICH WE WORKED OUT WITH OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES. WE DID NOT WANT TO RISK CHANCE THAT DRASTIC ACTION IN NEW YORK WOULD ESCALATE THINGS TO HIGH LEVEL, WHERE OUR PROBLEMS MIGHT BE PERCEIVED AS RELATIVELY MINOR AND OUR PUNISHMENT NOT FITTING THE CRIME (I.E., HITTING THEM IN NEW YORK FOR

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A FEW METERS OF SPACE AND A FRONT ENTRANCE.) WE FELT THIS

COULD RESULT IN OUR COMPLETE LOSS OF LEVERAGE. WE THINK
HAVING THE ARCHITECT IN KIEV FOR TALKS STRICTLY AT A
TECHNICAL LEVEL AND HIS EXPLANATIONS OF OUR REQUIREMENTS

FROM ARCHITECTURAL/TECHNICAL STANDPOINT COULD BRING
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. IF THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN, WE WILL BE
ON BETTER STANDING WITH OUR PEOPLE HERE IN CONSIDERING
RETALIATION IN NEW YORK. IN OUR VIEW OUR PRIORITIES SHOULD
RUN: FRONT ENTRANCE, MANEUVERING ROOM FOR TRUCK, FIRST
FLOOR GORKY. DO YOU AGREE?

4. LETTER RECOMMENDING CAB TAKE ACTION AGAINST AEROFLOT
UNDER SECTION 412 (IN CLEARING PROCESS AS OF AUGUST 18)
INCORPORATES SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED MOSCOW 12931 AND URGES
THAT THE ORDER BE ISSUED WITHOUT DELAY. WE WILL KEEP YOU
ADVISED AND REPORT LETTER'S RELEASE IN OFFICIAL CHANNEL.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF AUGUST 11 AND ARE
DISCUSSING THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THE OFFICE OF AVIATION
AND THE CAB. KISSINGER

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